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1. This case continues its slow pace; however, progress is evident in the fact that we have requested code aptitude tests from Gomo for five NOKA contents. Chief retarding factors in this program have been (a) shortage of case officer time to devote to the program, (b) lack of experience in this field including lack of guidance. We do feel, however, that we are definitely making progress not only inasmuch as we have produced some bodies for testing but also in our understanding of the problems presented by the program as a whole, including the practical techniques involved in the recruiting and training.

2. Due to discussions with [ ] and in view of our past efforts in the field, we have revised a considerable amount of our thinking on this program which we hope will produce more tangible results in the near future. Closer liaison with Gomo has injected a note of practicability into our efforts. Two examples of the changed attitude on our part, i.e., an attempt to locate common ground between the capabilities and requirements of Gomo and the theoretical case of ideal viability follow: (a) in NOKA 7099 it was stated that elderly men form one of the desirable categories from a stability standpoint. This point is operationally sound and can be applied in our construction of information nets. However, upon discussions with [ ], who emphasized the difficulties and increased time necessary to train people in this category, we are desisting from selecting candidates among the elderly unless they have had previous V/E experience. (b) at the outset we were contemplating recruiting people of limited stability but not necessarily with previous radio experience for training. We (1) give us coverage of this area for the first 90 to 120 days after the beginning of hostilities and (2) to produce quick results in this slow moving program. Our thinking in this line has now crystallized into the beginnings of an organized search for individuals who have had previous German signal training. This move will, we hope, provide coverage for the period immediately following the outbreak of hostilities while relieving Gomo of the lengthy task of teaching the short termers basic communications practices. In this light we are procuring, through Gomo, a list of German radio masters. We also plan to survey the possibilities of ex-German intercept service personnel

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through [ ]'s ex-contact Fleck. We plan for the immediate future a visit to the Prisoner of War Information Bureau in Hilder Baden in an attempt to obtain the names of former German signal corps personnel. We appreciate the fact that the majority of the potential recruits we will obtain from the above category will probably not be ideal stability, however, this plan would aid us to get results quickly with the limited training facilities at hand and we strongly suspect the stability of some of the individuals in this category, upon individual assessment, may prove better than anticipated. This portion of the program, while perhaps of sufficient size in itself to warrant a developmental project, we will continue for the time being to keep together with our other recruiting activities under KIMPH.

3. While searching for Future recruits we are also assembling information on individuals to be used in the establishment of information gathering nets to service the Future recruits with information. These nets, of course, are to be completely separate and unconnected to any Future recruit and will be connected by silent and letter box schemes as yet to be devised. The agent training of the members of these info nets will also be an extremely difficult problem which KIM at this juncture is ill equipped to handle.

4. [ ] of course, in spite of his other agent commitments and preoccupation with locating and furnishing a new house in the Stuttgart area, remains the spark plug of this program and has raw material in mind which is capable of growing into a compact network organized in cells of 3 which would insure a coverage of South Wurttemberg and South Baden in case of hostilities. [ ] is also investigating stay behind leads furnished by [ ] and [ ]

5. On individual cases we can report the following:

o X (a) [ ] (see MMEA-9230) Subject has accepted the job of recruiting operators and will begin searching after the 15 August elections to the Bundestag. This program, if it works out, can be an extremely valuable link to whatever illegal RV resistance force in Germany is and when hostilities break out. ([ ] currently in contact but [ ] to take over when project out of developmental stage).

(b) [ ] (see MMEA 9800) This ex-KIM agent was the first individual to receive the Game test under this program. However, upon weighing of subject's marginal stability against the time and effort involved to train him he is being dropped from this program as a result of KIM decision. (case officer, [ ]).

(c) [ ] and [ ] have submitted several names which we are now checking (case officer, [ ]).

(d) [ ] is deemed a bit too old for Game training and due likelihood will be able to furnish good info will be used as information gatherer. (case officer, [ ]).

(e) [ ] This ex-German intercept service Captain, formerly considered for hire as a KIM agent, we hope to use to furnish the names of possible recruits among ex-Intercept Service personnel. Our renewed contact with him dates from 23 July. ([ ] will be case officer).

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(g) [ ] 1 & 2. These two Munich individuals mentioned in the Holiday lists, were contacted by [ ] and [ ] in an attempt to sound them out on this program for which they were considered for possible info gathering agents. They, however, in a polite session of double talk, indicated that they would rather not be involved in any such undertaking.

Kibitz! X (g) Subject of MEMA 9888 was contacted on 22 June and has a willingness to work. Appears of good stayability. We are now arranging his assessment with Gonne (case officer, [ ]).

(h) [ ]'s Stuttgart Cases. [ ] has three individuals, two of them disabled, now ready for assessment. One disabled individual, however, we will probably not have assessed since he has worked for the Stuttgart Post Engineers and has some rather unfortunate personal characteristics, according to [ ] who is case officer.

MMH (i) [ ]. Pending elimination of current Subject is dormant. ([ ])

Britzon Kewyer (j) Fritz Osterburg (para 4c of MEMA 8482). After further checking by [ ] into this individual's background with the ex-GIC case officer, we were about to approach him when a note was uncovered in the SO files adding further serious allegations that the man was an agent of the French. We have, therefore, decided not to contact him. ([ ])

(k) The proprietor of the Karlsruhe Photo Firm, mentioned para (d) of MEMA 8482, has not been contacted on the advice of Captain Stancill of GIC who had further serious allegations against the same character.

X (l) Contact with the Subject of sub-paragraph 4a of MEMA 8482, may be resumed in view of para 2b above. However, since Subject was recently married we will refrain from contacting him with such a proposal until his honeymoon is terminated. ([ ])

5. A number of potential candidates have been investigated by [ ] in the Karlsruhe area but to date we have not found a candidate entirely suitable here. This aspect of the program continues, however.

MMH X 7. [ ] obtained a lead through one of his sources on Carl Genshoy, co-member of the Brandenburg Regiment, living in the French Zone. He is probably to be contacted in an attempt to find suitable types from this milieu. ([ ] then [ ]).

8. At our request [ ] made Munich police checks on several persons mentioned in the Holiday lists. One of these individuals, who lives in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, was found to have an adverse record and was prosecuted by NS for making false statements to GIC and was dropped. Another Professor in the University of Munich had an adverse recommendation as an opportunist from a professor in the States and was dropped. One other individual on the Holiday list, who is a professor at Darmstadt, was turned down here because of adverse information supplied [ ] by the University of Frankfurt. Another Holiday prospect, a police officer in Mannheim, has been turned down because of adverse letter from NS. Other Holiday candidates have been turned down because of adverse security reports but we still have one or two cases from the Holiday lists who merit further investigation. ([ ] and [ ]).

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9. We have failed in an attempt to locate the co-manager of the Kufuwa in Bad Sothen, who was an ex-GIS Radio operator in Wiesbaden. This lead, however, will be further followed down (C J).

10. C J is shortly to investigate an ex Holiday prospect, friend of C J, who lives in Kof.

11. A survey of GIS leads here produced small results, however, some leads were furnished which are to be investigated by C J as time allows.

12. The above summary of the most time consuming and/or important aspects of the work as carried out to date is submitted in an attempt to clarify our methods and the type of people we are attempting to recruit. Any comments and/or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

13. Since the undersigned has been appointed case officer for an important and time consuming case, the majority of the staff work of vetting, coordination, briefing and the running down of leads on the KIBRE Project will be handled in the future by C J.

C J  
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